

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3762

ANSWERED ON:23.08.2004

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS/SANCTUARIES/BIO-SPHERE RESERVES

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the number of National Parks, Sanctuaries and Biosphere Reserves are not adequate to take care of the conservation of wildlife and bio- diversity in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to establish more National Parks, Sanctuaries and Biosphere Reserves for conservation of wildlife; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the name of States where they are to be established?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) National Parks and Sanctuaries are notified by the State Governments from time to time under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. For strengthening conservation of wildlife, two additional categories of protected areas viz., Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve have been created in addition to the existing categories of National Park and Sanctuary under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. The National Wild Life Action Plan (2002-2016) envisages increasing the protected area coverage from existing nearly 4.8% to 10% of the country's geographical area. This will be achieved mainly through establishment of Conservation Reserves and Community Reserves.

Further, several potential sites identified for Biosphere Reserves are at Annexure. The State Governments have been requested to take necessary action in this regard.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3762 REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL PARTS/SANCTUARIES / BIOSPHERE RESERVES DUE FOR REPLY ON 23.8.2004

LIST OF POTENTIAL SITES IDENTIFIED FOR BIOSPHERE RESERVES

Sl.No. Name of Biosphere Reserve State

1. Namdapha Arunachal Pradesh

2. Thar Desert Rajasthan

3. Little Rann of Kutch Gujarat

4. Kaziranga Assam

5. North Islands of Andaman Andaman & Nicobar Islands

6. Cold Desert Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh

7 Seshachalam Andhra Pradesh

8. Chintapalli Andhra Pradesh

9. Amarkantak Madhya Pradesh and Chatisgarh

10. Kanha Madhya Pradesh
11. Abujmarh Chhatisgarh
12. Lakshadweep Lakshadweep